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RFE, WHICH MAY RECEIVE ITS COPIES BEFORE EMBASSY MOSCOW OR DEPARTMENT, HAS NOTED EXTREMELY SHARP CRITICISM OF SHELEST IN ISSUE NUMBER FOUR OF KOMMUNIST UKRAINY. JOURNAL CARRIED EDITORIAL REVIEW OF SHELEST'S 1970 BOOK QTE OUR SOVIET UKRAINE UNQTE (QTE UKRAINO NASHA RADYANSKA UNQTE), CHARGING BOOK WITH QTE NUMEROUS METHODOLOGICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL ERRORS AND SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES, ONE- SIDED EVALUATION OF IMPORTANT HISTORICAL EVENTS, FACTUAL MISTAKES, MANY IMPRECISE FORMULATIONS AND EDITORIAL DEFICIENCIES. UNQTE BOOK IS ACCUSED OF TREATING DEVELOPMENT OF UKRAINE'S ECONOMY QTE SEPARATELY FROM GENERAL SUCCESSES OF SOVIET UNION. UNQTE AUTHOR'S POSITION QTE COULD NOURISH NATIONALIST ILLUSIONS AND PREJUDICES, THE REMNANTS OF NATIONAL NARROW-MINDEDNESS AND ARROGANCE. UNQTE REVIEW WOULD SEEM TO DOVETAIL WITH APRIL 13 DECREE ON SECOND CONGRESS ANNIVERSARY. ITS HARSHNESS WOULD ALSO APPEAR TO TILT SCALES AGAINST SHELEST'S CONTINUED MEMBERSHIP IN POLITBURO. DOHERTY

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